

Listing of Claims:

[Amendments shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).]

1. (Currently amended) Particle board comprising:
a lower and an upper surface layer having a finer fraction of particles, and
between these surface layers an intermediate layer having a coarser fraction
of particles said intermediate layer having a varying density,
wherein said intermediate layer has at least one stranded part of a higher
density than surrounding ~~in areas where the particle board is intended for~~
~~fastening to another object,~~
wherein said stranded part is provided with a plurality of fastener holes. ~~said~~
~~intermediate layer has at least one stranded part formed from particles and~~
~~having a higher density than at least one other surrounding part of said~~
~~intermediate layer.~~
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claims 1, wherein the ~~at~~
~~least one stranded part is disposed on an~~ edge of the particle board. ~~coincides~~
~~with a part of said intermediate layer having a higher density than another part~~
~~of said intermediate layer.~~
5. (Currently amended) Particle board according to Claim 31, wherein said at
least one stranded part is disposed substantially midway ~~formed from particles~~
~~and having a higher density than other surrounding parts~~ is situated at a
~~distance from and between two edge parts of said intermediate layer.~~

6-10. (Cancelled)